

5 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] WH Division

SUBJECT: Laws Controlling Introduction of Propaganda

1. Pursuant to your request for copies of laws and regulations used in the United States to prevent the entrance of propaganda from abroad, we are sending you three pamphlets described below; and copies of the pertinent parts of the Tariff Act and copies of Section 957 of the United States Code, Title 18.
2. The pamphlet entitled "Laws Relating to Espionage, Sabotage, Etc." contains material which may be of general interest but, specifically, beginning on page 31 it contains the Foreign Agents Registration Act, section 4 of which is entitled "Filing and Labeling of Political Propaganda" (page 38).
3. The pamphlet describing hearings on the "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States" includes testimony of Irving Fishman, Deputy Collector of Customs, which gives information on Communist propaganda mailed into the United States and the legal means available by which the United States is able to exercise some control over its dissemination (pp 2417-2426). We are also sending you copies of section 957 of Title 18, United States Code, which was referred to by Mr. Fishman in his testimony appearing on page 2418.
4. Pages 223-259 of the pamphlet on hearings on "Communist Underground Printing Facilities and Illegal Propaganda" contain additional material given in testimony by Mr. Fishman and Saul J. Mindel of the Post Office Department. Customs regulations of the Treasury Department on the subject of importation of political propaganda appear on pages 232 and 236. This pamphlet also includes other information indicating the difficulty of controlling propaganda publications within the country.

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